

public manner as he may think proper, giving a minute description of the clothing, person and bodily marks of such runaway.

7. If the owner, or some person in his behalf, shall not apply for such runaway within sixty days from the time of advertising as aforesaid, and pay or secure all such costs and charges as have accrued by reason of apprehending, imprisoning, and advertising such runaway, then such runaway shall be dealt with as hereinafter provided.

8. When any negro shall be committed to the jail of any county as a runaway, and the notice required to be given by the sheriff shall have been given, and the time for his detention expired, and no person shall have claimed said runaway and proved his title to the same, it shall be the duty of the sheriff forthwith to carry such slave before the judge of the Circuit Court, or judge of the Orphans' Court, with his commitment; and such judge is hereby required to examine and inquire, by such means as he may deem most advisable, whether such runaway be a slave or not; and if he shall have reasonable grounds to believe that such runaway is a slave, he may remand him to prison, to be confined for such further time as he may judge right; and if he shall have reason to believe that such runaway is the slave of any particular person, he shall cause such notice to be given by the sheriff to such supposed owner as he may think most advisable. But if said judge shall not have reasonable ground to believe such runaway to be a slave, he shall forthwith order him to be released; and if no person shall claim such runaway within the time for which he may be remanded, and prove his title, the said sheriff shall release such runaway; and in either case, when such runaway shall be discharged, the expense of keeping such runaway in confinement, and publishing such notices, shall be levied on the county.

9. The sum allowed for taking up and securing any runaway slave between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, more than twenty and less than thirty miles from the home of such runaway, shall be fifteen dollars; if under fifteen or more than forty-five years of age, seven and a half dollars; if such runaway be apprehended more than thirty miles from his home, the sum allowed shall be fifty dollars, if such runaway be more than fifteen and under forty-five; and if under fifteen or over forty-five, twenty-five dollars; *Provided*, that no reward shall be